

ABSTRACT

A pedicle screw provides for elimination of splaying forces caused by an internal closure member. A locking member dovetails with longitudinal channels in wall sections of the receiver, locking the wall sections together and preventing the splaying. The closure member when disposed within a bore of the receiver tightens the locking member onto an elongated member, preventing removal of the locking member and the elongated member from the receiver. The locking member and the closure member may be permanently rotatably inter-engaged for ease of insertion and removal.